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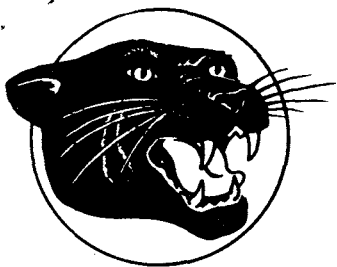
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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL.--Even though Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers lost three of their most productive players in school history, Coach Rick Samuels says it's a rebuilding year only "in the sense that we are fielding a new starting unit . . .not rebuilding because we're minus the potential to be a competitive or successful team."

That's the assessment as Samuels greeted 12 varsity players but no seniors for the first day of practice Wednesday (Oct. 15). The season opens with an exhibition game against Ft. Hood Tankers in Lantz Gym on Friday, Nov. 21.

The regular season also commences at home ten days later vs. Illinois Tech on Monday, Dec. 1. December games at Illinois on the 8th and at Wisconsin on the 22nd also highlight the early part of the schedule.

Gone to the San Antonio Spurs in the 2nd round of the NBA draft is 7-0 Kevin Duckworth, a four year starter here. Gone to play European basketball is Jon Collins, EIU's all-time leading scorer with 1720 points. Gone is three year starter Doug Crook, EIU's 10th all-time leading scorer.

Although no fulltime starters return there are three back whose playing time equaled half a game. They are guards **NORM EVANS** (Joliet-Central) and **JAY TAYLOR** (Aurora-East) and forward **DAVE VANCE** (Roselle-Lake Park).

EVANS, 6-0 junior, led the team in assists (110) and steals (59). **TAYLOR**, 6-3 sophomore, was the team's fourth leading scorer at 8.1, started the final six games and scored in double figures in seven of the final ten games. **VANCE**, a 6-5 sophomore, played around a midseason

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stress fracture to become one of the most consistent at both ends of the floor.

"We don't have a great deal of experience however I feel we have more experience than the youth of our roster indicates," said Samuels. "The freshmen saw a lot of playing time last year and all had an important role in our success."

Two sophomore inside players returning as lettermen are 6-8 **MIKE WEST** (Warrensburg-Latham) and 6-9 **BRIAN MURPHY** (Oswego). Both will be competing for the post position vacated by the graduation of Duckworth.

"I think all the freshmen progressed well over the summer. Typically sophomores come back with more confidence and determination. I see that with this group . . . particularly **VANCE** and **WEST**.

"I also expect **TONY HEMPHILL** and **DAVE STEIN** to have an immediate impact on our program." **HEMPHILL** (Indianapolis, IN-Park Tudor) has two years eligibility left after transferring from Stetson University. He can play either a perimeter position or in the backcourt.

STEIN (Crete-Monee) transferred from Parkland CC where he was rated among the state's best Jucos and earned tournament MVP honors leading Parkland to the Juco small division national championship.

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY 1986-87 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENTS</u>	<u>SITE</u>
7:30, Friday, Nov. 21	FORT HOOD TANKERS (Exhibition)	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Monday, Dec. 1	ILLINOIS TECH	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Thursday, Dec. 4	NORTHWEST MISSOURI	LANTZ GYM
7:00, Monday, Dec. 8	at Illinois	Champaign
7:30, Thursday, Dec. 11	MILLIKIN	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Monday, Dec. 22	at Wisconsin	Madison
Dec. 29-30, Mon.-Tues.	at Wolf Pack Classic	Reno, NV
(5 & 7) (EIU, Nev-Reno, North Texas State, Northeast Louisiana)		
7:30, Saturday, Jan. 3	at Southern Illinois	Carbondale
7:30, Wednesday, Jan. 7	INDIANA STATE	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Saturday, Jan. 10	AUGUSTANA	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Wednesday, Jan. 14	CHICAGO STATE	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Saturday, Jan. 17	ILLINOIS-CHICAGO *	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Saturday, Jan. 24	at Wisconsin-Green Bay *	Green Bay
7:30, Monday, Jan. 26	at Southwest Missouri *	Springfield
7:30, Thursday, Jan. 29	CLEVELAND STATE *	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Saturday, Jan. 31	NORTHERN IOWA *	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Monday, Feb. 2	at Valparaiso *	Valparaiso, IN
7:30, Thursday, Feb. 5	at St. Louis University	St. Louis
7:30, Saturday, Feb. 7	WESTERN ILLINOIS *	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Monday, Feb. 9	at Illinois-Chicago *	Chicago
6:30, Saturday, Feb. 14	at Cleveland State *	Cleveland
7:30, Monday, Feb. 16	WISCONSIN-GREEN BAY *	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Saturday, Feb. 21	SOUTHWEST MISSOURI *	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Monday, Feb. 23	at Northern Iowa *	Cedar Falls
7:30, Wednesday, Feb. 25	COLORADO STATE	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Saturday, Feb. 28	VALPARAISO *	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Monday, March 2	at Western Illinois *	Macomb
Thurs.-Sat., March 5-7	at AMCU-8 Post Season Tournament	Springfield, MO

All Times CST, *AMCU-8 Games

1986-87 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (HS/JC)
12	Cass White	F	6-4	185	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH (Mt. Healthy)
14	Tony Hemphill	F	6-5	190	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN (Park Tudor)
20	Norm Evans **	G	6-0	165	Jr.	Joliet, IL (Central)
22	Jerry Strickland	F	6-4	190	Jr.	Mounds, IL (Meridian)
24	Jay Taylor *	G	6-3	190	So.	Aurora, IL (East)
30	Dave Vance *	F	6-6	195	So.	Roselle, IL (Lake Park)
32	David Paul	G	6-2	185	Fr.	Monmouth, IL
34	Dave Stein	F	6-6	195	Jr.	Crete, IL (C.-Monee/Parkland CC)
40	Don Peavey	F	6-5	195	So.	West Frankfort, IL
42	Mike West *	C	6-8	220	So.	Warrensburg, IL (W.-Latham)
44	Vince Macciocchi	F	6-7	225	So.	Hinsdale, IL (Central)
50	Brian Murphy *	C	6-9	220	So.	Oswego, IL

PANTHERS BY CLASS

0 Seniors
4 Juniors
6 Sophomores
2 Freshmen

PANTHERS BY SIZE

6-9 Brian Murphy
6-8 Mike West
6-7 Vince Macciocchi
6-6 Dave Stein
6-6 Dave Vance
6-5 Tony Hemphill
6-5 Don Peavey
6-4 Cass White
6-4 Jerry Strickland
6-3 Jay Taylor
6-2 David Paul
6-0 Norm Evans

PANTHERS BY EXPERIENCE

2L Norm Evans
1L Brian Murphy
1L Jerry Strickland
1L Jay Taylor
1L Dave Vance
1L Mike West
2SQ Vince Macciocchi
2SQ David Paul
2SQ Don Peavey
TR Tony Hemphill
TR Dave Stein
Fr. Cass White